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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

- Following publication of the unclassified annual DoD publication Soviet Military Power in 1984, CIA and DIA agreed to review the publication with an aim of assessing if sensitive sources and methods were compromised by this series. activity has been under the direction of Larry Gershwin (NIO/SP) 25X1 and a first draft has been prepared and circulated to DIA.
- Obviously Defense is interested in issuing another version of Soviet Military Power and it is possible that Secretary Weinberger may raise this subject with you. The draft evaluating Soviet Military Power suggests that a systematic review of the three editions would give the Soviets a significant set of information about what we know, what we don't know and a sense of timing about our collection. Obviously we need more discussion with DIA on this subject and we are not in a position to assess how useful the publication has been in informing our allies and our own people.

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